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I-10 construction stalling race traffic

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For race fans who were able to head to the track early in the day, the I-10 westbound was as smooth as a pace lap. For those who couldn't get up to speed, there were signs of trouble around the first turn. "We're widening I-10, we're adding two new lanes in each direction in between the Loop 101 and Sarival Avenue," said ADOT spokesman, Doug Nintzel.

Construction has narrowed traffic to two lanes and brought speeds down to a crawl, so by midday, "Trafficy by my house, really traffic-ky by my house! We get all the motorhomes pulling in," said one frustrated motorist.

The race was on without too much bumper-to-bumper action. "Don't wait for the last minute or last second to merge over; cooperate with each other, that really helps with the flow of traffic," Nintzel cautioned. Two more pieces of road-tested advice. First, have a plan; and second, give yourself plenty of time. "Four to five hours early, just so we can check all the stuff out, all the merchandise. Got to check out all the merchandise,." says Randy Longpre, a fan from Colorado.